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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

PORT OF IMMINGHAM

(including Killingholme Jetty and White Booth Roads)
(River Humber)

FOR THE YEAR 1953

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SECTION I - STAFF.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

Table "B"

Ships from	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Sanitary Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	228	538,271	Nil.	228	Nil
Coastwise	1,318	1,919,458	Nil.	1,318	Nil
TOTAL	1,546	2,457,729	Nil.	1, 546	Nil.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

Table "C"

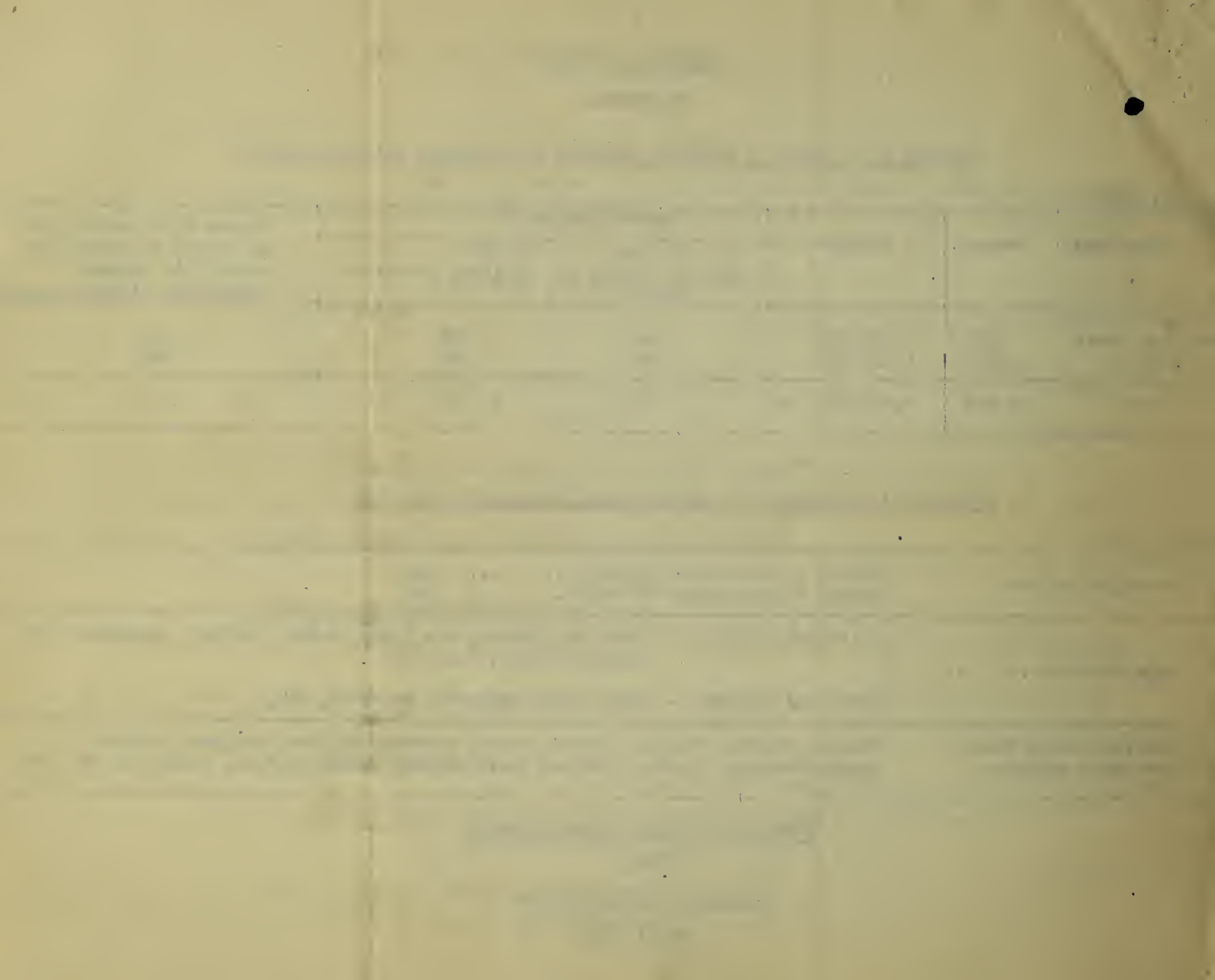
Passenger Traffic ...	(Number of passengers INWARDS 245 (Number of passengers OUTWARDS 341
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS :- Iron ore, Timber, Pit Props, Grain, Sulphur, Ilmenite Sand, (Phosphate Rock, Fuel Oil. ((Principal EXPORTS :- Coal, Coke, Creosote, Pre-fabs, etc.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive:-	Norway, Sweden, U.S.S.R., Baltic Ports, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Spain, Portugal, North, West and South Africa, Canada, U.S.A., South America, etc.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

NIL.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY.

NO CHANGE.



SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) Smallpox cases sent to Smallpox Isolation Hospital, Laceby (40 beds).
- (2) Grimsby County Borough provide special smallpox ambulance for transport of cases to hospital. All ambulance crews are vaccinated every two years.
- (3) Smallpox Consultant:- Dr. J. Glen, Springfield Hospital, Grimsby.
- (4) Laboratory Diagnosis:- Pathological Laboratory, Grimsby & District General Hospital.
Public Health Laboratory, Lincoln.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

There were no cases of notifiable or other infectious diseases under any heading during the year.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

There were no cases notified during the year.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE.

No such cases were discovered during the year. In the event of such an occurrence, the following measures would be adopted:-

The vessel concerned would be directed to designated mooring station for special medical examination of passengers and crew, and necessary disinfection of persons, clothing, bedding and accommodation, etc., carried out. If plague infected rats were found or suspected, vessel would be boomed off and thoroughly fumigated with H.C.N. During discharge of cargo, special watch would be kept for further rats. Moorings and gangways would also receive special attention.

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

- (1) Steps taken for detection of rodents:-

- (a) In ships in the Port, routine inspection of all compartments, including holds, bunkers, etc.
- (b) On quays, wharves, warehouses, and in the vicinity of the port. Regular inspection of all quays,

wharves, warehouses, prompt disposal of all refuse, elimination of rat harbourages.

- (2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents have been made with the Pathological Department, Grimsby General Hospital, and 7 specimens were taken.
- (3) Arrangements for de-ratting of ships are made as and when necessary, with commercial contractors, viz., Associated Fumigators, 112 Victoria Dock Road, London, E.16., Deodor-X Hygiene Services, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire., London Fumigation Co.Ltd., Marlowe House, Lloyds Avenue, London, E.C.3., Riverside Fumigators, Hull, Methods used include fumigation with H.C.N., Liquid or Zyklon B, also S.O.2.
- (4) Progress in rat-proofing of ships - instructions and guidance to Masters or Officers in charge, wiring of storerooms, gratings, etc., sheet metal tinning of bulkheads, beam openings, etc. Collaboration with Dock Authorities.

Table "E" - Rodents destroyed during the
year in ships from foreign ports

Category	Number
Black rats	7
Brown rats	-
Species not known	-
Sent for Examination	7
Infected with Plague	-

Table "F" - Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for
ships from foreign ports.

H.C.N.	No: of Deratting Certificates Issued.				Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued.	Total Certificates Issued.
	Other fumigant (State Method)	After Trapping	After Poison	Total		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	-	-	-	1	49	50

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

Table G - Inspections & Notices.

Nature & No: of Inspections		Notices Served.		Result of serving notices.
		Statutory notices.	Other notices.	
Dirt & Vermin	20	-	20	Remedied
Structural Defect	6	-	6	5 remedied
Construational defect	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	26	-	26	-

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

NO CHANGE EXCEPT

(4) 109 aliens arrived at the port in 46 vessels.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS.

Persons dying on board ship from infectious disease are removed to nearby mortuary at Immingham, and arrangements made for interment locally.

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